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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS.
PM, EB, AND IO DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

H - RJMCCLOSKEY

MID-EAST AGREEMENT. A LOBBYIST FROM AIPAC (AMERICAN-ISRAELI PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE) TODAY PHONED SENATOR MCGEE'S OFFICE TO LOBBY FOR THE MID-EAST AGREEMENT. THE AIPAC REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED MCGEE STAFFER DICK MCCALL THAT THE JEWISH LOBBY BADLY WANTS A SETTLEMENT, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY FOR THREE YEARS. THEY FEEL THAT THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN CIVILIAN MONITORS WOULD DETER THE EGYPTIANS FROM BECOMING AGGRESSIVE.

NEA - SOBER, ACTING.

1. I ATTENDED A MEETING WHICH KUWAITI FINANCE MINISTER
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ATEEQI HAD WITH A GROUP OF SENIOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AT TREASURY, AND ALSO HIS CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL. AT TREASURY, ATEEQI DWELT ON A THEME THAT HE HAS VOICED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE U.S.: ANNOYANCE OVER PRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM OF THE ARABS AND THE PRESUMED

INTENTION OF THE OIL-RICH COUNTRIES TO BUY UP AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

2. I MET WITH THE NEW COMMERCE UNDER SECRETARY, MR. BAKER, ON THE BROAD RANGE OF OUR INTERESTS IN IRAN AND THE NATURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT COUNTRY. BAKER WILL BE GOING TO TEHRAN NEXT MONTH AS HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO A MEETING OF THE ECONOMICS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF OUR JOINT COMMISSION.

L - GEORGE H. ALDRICH, ACTING

-- ALDRICH RECEIVED THE MINISTER OF THE SWISS EMBASSY WHO DELIVERED A NOTE INVITING THE U.S. TO THE THIRD SESSION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE LAWS OF WAR, BEGINNING APRIL 21, 1976. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT THE SWISS WERE WORRIED ABOUT FURTHER POLITICAL PROBLEMS AT THE THIRD SESSION, PARTICULARLY THE PLO. WE AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH CONCERNING ANY DEVELOPMENTS ON THAT PROBLEM.

-- FELDMAN REVIEWED WITH BUCHEN THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF SECTION 662 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WHICH RESTRICTS THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR COVERT OPERATIONS "UNLESS AND UNTIL" THE PRESIDENT MAKES A NATIONAL SECURITY DETERMINATION AND REPORTS TO CONGRESS "IN A TIMELY FASHION." THE STATUTE WOULD APPEAR TO AFFORD SOME FLEXIBILITY TO REPORT AFTER THE FACT WHERE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE, ALTHOUGH THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY INDICATES CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN PRIOR NOTIFICATION.

-- FELDMAN TALKED WITH HABIB ABOUT SENATOR CHURCH'S REQUEST FOR THE DEPT'S FILES ON TONG-SUN PARK. THE ONLY BASIS FOR WITHHOLDING THESE RECORDS IN THE EVENT CHURCH PRESSES HIS REQUEST WOULD BE PRESIDENTIAL SECRET

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EXERCISE OF EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE.

-- SCHWEBEL REVIEWED AND APPROVED A CABLE TO MR. LEIGH CONCERNING PROBLEMS OF INITIALLING AND SIGNATURE OF A MIDEAST AGREEMENT.

-- SCHWEBEL MET WITH ENDERS AND FRANK TO CONSIDER SUGGESTED REVISIONS IN PASSAGES OF THE SECRETARY'S U.N. SPEECH ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

AF - EDWARD W. MULCAHY, ACTING
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SOUTH AFRICAN DISTURBED: I ACCOMPANIED SOUTH AFRICAN

AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE BOTHA TO CALL ON BOB INGERSOLL TO WHOM, AS EXPECTED, HE COMPLAINED THAT WE NEVER HAVE UTTERED A PUBLIC WORD OF PRAISE OR SUPPORT FOR PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S UNPRECEDENTED ADVANCE IN HIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS THIS PAST YEAR. HIS LIBERAL DEPARTURE IN POLICY AT HOME AND ABROAD, HE SAID, ARE COSTING HIM POLITICAL SUPPORT ON HIS RIGHT FLANK.

TUESDAY: IF A RUMOR HOLDS TRUE THAT YOU WILL TALK WITH BULA MANDUNGU, ZAIRIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER, I WILL TRAVEL TO NEW YORK FOR THE OCCASION. I WILL ALSO HAND THE BUREAU BACK TO NAT DAVIS.

ARA:HARYAN, ACTING

HONDURAS-BANANAS -- WE MET THIS MORNING, AT THEIR REQUEST, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF STANDARD AND UNITED FRUIT, THE TWO BANANA PRODUCERS AFFECTED BY THE RECENT GOH CANCELLATION OF BANANA CONCESSIONS. THE STANDARD REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THEIR DETERMINATION TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOH WHICH WILL PERMIT THE CONTINUATION OF THEIR OPERATIONS UNDER THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES. THEY SEEM MILDLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS MAY BE POSSIBLE. WE ENCOURAGED THEM IN THIS DIRECTION.

THE UNITED REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE
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DISCUSSION AND THE REASONS FOR HIS PRESENCE NEVER BECAME CLEAR.

WOMEN'S WEEK -- BILL LUERS AND I HAD A RAP SESSION TODAY WITH SOME 15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARA FEMALE CONTINGENT. WE COVERED AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF PROBLEMS AND GRIEVANCES. AS A RESULT, WE'LL BE MAKING SOME SUGGESTIONS TO CAROL LAISE ON DEPARTMENTAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING WOMEN AND MINORITIES. WE WILL ALSO BE TAKING SEVERAL IMMEDIATE STEPS TO IMPROVE BUREAU PERFORMANCE IN THIS REGARD.

VENEZUELA -- TODAY ON INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION PRESIDENT PEREZ SIGNS THE BILL NATIONALIZING THE OIL COMPANIES. AMBASSADOR BURELLI TOLD LUERS AT LUNCH TODAY THAT PEREZ ASSURED BURELLI THIS WEEK THAT THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COMPANIES WOULD GO SMOOTHLY AND THAT U.S.-VENEZUELAN RELATIONS NEED NOT BE TROUBLED. LUERS PAID FOR THE LUNCH.

PERU AND THE COUP -- WE SPENT MUCH OF THE AFTERNOON TRYING TO ANALYZE THE VELASCO OVERTHROW BY MORALES BERMUNDEZ. BOB DEAN, OUR AMBASSADOR IN LIMA, REPORTED

BY TELEPHONE THAT ALL SEEMS CALM AND BUSINESSLIKE. JERRY O'LEARY TELLS US THAT SOME OF THE PERUVIAN OLIGARCHS IN EXILE IN NEW YORK ARE ELATED AND READY TO PACK THEIR BAGS FOR A TRIUMPHAL RETURN. OUR PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE IS THAT THERE WILL BE LITTLE OR NO CHANGE IN POLICY OR PROGRAMS FOR THE PRESENT. HOWEVER, WE DO ESTIMATE THAT MORALES WILL BE EASIER TO DEAL WITH THAN THE MERCURIAL VELASCO. WE'LL BE SENDING OUR FIRST ATTEMPT AT AN ANALYSIS OF THE CHANGE TOMORROW MORNING.

EA - MR. HABIB

KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER. ROK FOREIGN MINISTER KIM DONG JO CALLED ON ME TODAY. BOB BLAKE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN OUR TALK, AND THE ACTING SECRETARY JOINED US BRIEFLY. KIM VIEWED NAC AS HAVING HAD SOME POSITIVE RESULTS FROM ROK VANTAGE, FEELING THAT SOUTH KOREA HAD AT LEAST DEMONSTRATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO ASSOCIATE WITH THE NON-SECRET

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ALIGNED. HE JUDGED THAT SOME 42 MEMBERS HAD SYMPATHIZED WITH OR IN SOME WAY SUPPORTED THE ROK.

ON UN ISSUES, I ASSURED KIM U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO VETO VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP AS LONG AS THE ROK IS EXCLUDED BY THE OTHER SIDE. KIM ESTIMATES THAT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN THE UNGA WILL PASS BY 10-20 VOTES. IN ANSWER TO HIS QUERY, I TOLD HIM THE PRC HAS SHOWN NO INTEREST IN TALKING ABOUT KOREA, DESPITE OUR EFFORTS.

PRC - SAN JUAN MAYOR ISSUE. THE ISSUE OF THE SAN JUAN MAYOR'S PARTICIPATION IN THE VISIT OF THE GROUP OF MAYORS TO THE PRC BROKE IN THE PRESS TODAY. WE ARE RESPONDING TO PRESS QUERIES BY INDICATING THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF US-CHINA RELATIONS AND THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, HAVE TAKEN THE MATTER UP WITH THE PRC, AND AWAITING A REPLY. AT THE MALAYSIAN NATIONAL DAY FUNCTION I SAW HAN HSU. HE HAD NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE TO SAY, BUT WAS EXTREMELY AFFABLE.

POSSIBLE PRIVATE AMERICAN APPROACH TO PRG IN NEW YORK. BOB MILLER MET TODAY WITH BRAND KAHLER, REPRESENTING THE VIETNAMESE- AMERICAN CRISIS COMMITTEE, A GROUP OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WITH VIETNAMESE RELATIVES LEFT IN VIETNAM. DURING THE DISCUSSION, IN WHICH KAHLER PRESSED FOR U.S. INITIATIVES TO RE-ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE TWO VIET-NAMS, KAHLER SAID HE PLANNED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE PRG OBSERVER DELEGATION IN NEW YORK REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS THE WELFARE OF THESE VIETNAMESE RELATIVES. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY AS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS EFFORT, MILLER MADE CLEAR THAT SUCH CONTACT WOULD HAVE TO BE WITHOUT DEPARTMENT ENDORSEMENT. MILLER

ALSO SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE PRG WOULD RECEIVE KAHLER, BUT ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF KAHLER'S EFFORTS. KAHLER, WHO WORKS FOR IBM, ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT MADAME BINH HAD APPROACHED IBM FRANCE ON THE QUESTION OF MAINTAINING THE IBM OFFICE IN SAIGON.

U.S. TURN DOWN THAI REQUEST FOR INCREASED TEXTILE EXPORTS TO US.

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LES EDMOND CALLED IN THE THAI EMBASSY MINISTER TO EXPLAIN THE US REFUSAL TO A THAI REQUEST FOR SOME MODERATE INCREASES IN COTTON TEXTILE EXPORTS TO US. DESPITE OUR DESIRE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THAI ECONOMIC NEEDS, EDMOND REFERRED TO THE LONG-STANDING IMPASSE ON COTTON CONTRACT DELINQUENCIES WITH THAILAND, IN CONTRAST TO PROGRESS MADE WITH OTHER EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THOSE THAI MILLS MEETING THEIR CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS WOULD SUFFER AS WELL AS THE DELINQUENTS, AND IF THAI GOVERNMENT COULD DEVISE SOME ALLOCATION SYSTEM, THE US WAS PREPARED TO RE-EXAMINE ITS POSITION. THE THAI EMBASSY OFFICIAL STATED HE WOULD REPORT THE US POSITION TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

EUR - JAMES G. LOWENSTEIN, ACTING

SWEDISH DCM ASKS ABOUT CBM'S. SWEDISH DCM CALLED ON ME TO DISCUSS CSCE/CBM'S. HE SAID SWEDEN WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE WITH US AS REGARDS GENERAL STYLE AND IN PARTICULAR DETAILED INFORMATION GIVEN IN NOTIFICATIONS OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS. HE CONCURRED THAT OUR OPEN AND COMPLETE APPROACH WAS THE WAY TO HANDLE CBM'S. HE WAS FULLY BRIEFED ON WHAT WE HAVE DONE THUS FAR TO IMPLEMENT CBM'S. INGERSOLL

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